

**DIVISION of Facilities Management  
and Property Services**

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Dear Property Owner or Agent:

The State of South Carolina is seeking office space in Aiken County. Attached is a summary of specifications and lease criteria. You are invited to submit a proposal to lease property to the State which may meet the criteria.

All proposals must be received by the Department of Administration, Real Property Services on or before **4:00 PM, July 12, 2023**.

The agency and Real Property Services will determine which proposals best suit the agency's needs. After the deadline, we will review all proposals submitted. Should your proposal be of interest, you will be contacted to schedule a meeting and view the property.

All inquiries regarding this lease solicitation should be directed to Real Property Services via e-mail at [rps@admin.sc.gov](mailto:rps@admin.sc.gov).

To be eligible to submit a proposal, a property owner or agent must have submitted to Real Property Services a receipt and acknowledgment of S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, §§1-11-55, 1-11-56, and 1-11-65 and S.C. Code of Regulations, §19-447.1000. If you have not done so and wish to respond with a proposal, you may download the applicable form from our website at: [https://admin.sc.gov/real\\_property/forms](https://admin.sc.gov/real_property/forms).

Sincerely,

Real Property Services



**REQUEST FOR LEASE PROPOSAL FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**OFFICE SPACE AIKEN COUNTY**

No lease agreement with the State is final without the approval of designated authorities as governed by South Carolina law. Real Property Services reserves the right to negotiate lease terms with submitting parties until such final approval is granted. State law prohibits any party participating in this solicitation process from making direct contact with the agency seeking space until a final lease has been approved. All correspondence should be directed to Real Property Services. Prior to lease negotiation, Landlord must provide a list of all partners or members where Landlord is an LLC or partnership (to include all tiers so that individuals are named).

Properties selected for site visits will be chosen based on a cost analysis of the submitted proposals, the responsiveness of the proposals to the stated requirements, and the space efficiency of proposed floor plans submitted; therefore, best proposals should be submitted initially.

**LEASE CRITERIA –**

- Location: Aiken County, Aiken, South Carolina
- Expected occupancy date: May 1, 2024
- Total space needed is approximately 11,400-11,800 rentable square feet +/- depending on circulation and common area factor. Please include both rentable and usable square feet in proposal and include the common area factor (%).
- Ideal set up should include, but is not limited to:
  - 3 private office(s) for professional staff of approximately 120 square feet each
  - Open floor plan to accommodate 98 workstations of approximately 48 square feet each (workstations to be provided by landlord)
  - 1 large reception area of approximately 200 square feet
  - 1 large kitchen/break room to accommodate seating for 20 people of approximately 400 square feet
  - 1 print alcove with 8 linear feet of upper and lower cabinets for supply storage and printer of approximately 40 square feet
  - 1 copy/print/mail/supply for dedicate floor mounted printer, storage and mail slots of approximately 200 square feet
  - 1 Local Area Network (LAN) room of approximately 100 square feet including floor mounted racks with separate HVAC system or separate thermostat for temperature control
  - 2 small storage rooms of approximately 120 square feet each
  - 1 large storage room of approximately 250 square feet
  - 2 large conference rooms to accommodate 10 to 12 people at a time of approximately 350 square feet each
  - 1 medium conference room to accommodate 6 to 8 people at a time of approximately 250 square feet



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- 1 open area for 4 file cabinets of approximately 9 square feet each
  - 1 work room with work surface and storage of approximately 120 square feet
- Space must be ADA compliant. Landlord is responsible for all costs associated with ADA compliance.
- Cabling must be certified to CAT-6 standards, with all terminations by the Landlord. All internet connections, phone/data connections, electrical and other outlets to be provided by the Landlord throughout the space as specified by Agency.
- 107 parking spaces are required including 2 handicapped spaces.
- Parking lot must be paved and lighted.
- Term: Please provide proposed rates for 3, 5, and 7-year terms.
- Proposals that require reimbursement of tenant improvement costs upon early termination are not preferred and may be eliminated from consideration.
- Proposals should be for a GROSS lease to include all operating expenses, including utilities, janitorial services and supplies, grounds maintenance, repairs, taxes, insurance, general building maintenance, building equipment maintenance, pest control, electrical systems maintenance, HVAC maintenance, plumbing maintenance and any other service necessary to maintain and operate all building and site improvements.
- Proposals that require the pass-through of any increases in operating expenses above the amount included in the rent rate are not preferred and may be eliminated from consideration.

**MINIMUM STATE REQUIREMENTS**

- **Standard State lease must be used – a copy is available on our website at: [https://admin.sc.gov/real\\_property/forms](https://admin.sc.gov/real_property/forms) or can be provided upon request.**
- Property must be barrier free, hazard free and smoke free.
- Property must meet zoning requirements for proposed use.
- Economical and efficient space utilization.

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Proposals must be received by the Real Property Services by **4:00 PM, July 12, 2023**
- All proposals must be in writing and may be submitted by mail or e-mail. (It is agent's responsibility to ensure receipt).
- Proposals should specify floor usable and rentable square feet (if applicable) and must be calculated according to the ANSI/BOMA-Z65.1-1996 standard.
- Please attach a proposed floor plan.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

All information and questions should be directed to Real Property Services – no direct contact can be made with the Department of Health and Human Services. Direct contact can be cause for automatic disqualification.





**Henry McMaster**, Governor  
**Marcia S. Adams**, Executive Director

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**RETURN PROPOSALS AND DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:**

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